

GARAGE CONVERSION GUIDELINES

The following guidelines should be *encouraged* for garage conversion applications for exceptions to the covered parking requirement:

- Use exterior materials and colors that are consistent with those used on other portions of the dwelling, particularly those on the same facade as the proposed conversion.
- Use architectural and site plan elements that visually integrate the exterior appearance of the converted garage with other portions of the dwelling. These could include:
 - Incorporate architectural projections and similar details into the design of the garage conversion.
 - Provide a landscaped area directly in front of the converted garage to avoid paved surfaces abutting the dwelling.
 - Use windows that are appropriately aligned and proportional to those utilized on the other front facing portions of the dwelling.
 - Use window fenestration consistent with that utilized on other portions of the dwelling.
 - Provide functional and direct internal connection between the converted garage and other portions of the dwelling.

The following should be *avoided* on all garage conversion applications:

- Simply sealing the garage from the inside, with no enhancement to the exterior.
- Sealing the garage opening with plywood without considering other exterior features, such as window openings.
- Using exterior materials that are incompatible with the remainder of the dwelling.
- Providing a sliding door, or similar entry feature, that detracts from the primary dwelling entry, unless done in conjunction with an overall remodel establishing a new dwelling entry.
- Leaving the front facing wall of a converted garage unlandscaped and unbuffered from the driveway area.
- Converting a garage without considering the overall parking needs on the property.

